



COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH – PC(USA) JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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JULY CALENDAR

July 6 - Communion; First Fruits Offering
July 13 - Social Justice & Peacemaking -
Moment for Mission
July 20 – Youth Sunday; Time for Children
July 27 – Birthday Recognition

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/4 - Marlea Gaskins
7/12 - MarkAllen Lakes
7/13 - Judy McCray
7/15 - Lerone McKenzie
7/16 - Bruce Johnson
7/16 - Jose' Jones
7/17 - Brenda Thompson
7/25 - Brenda Brown
7/25 - Debra Byrd
7/30 - Pam Byrd



***Final Report of the Administrative Commission for College Hill Community Church -
April 30, 2025, is found on the last pages of this newsletter.***

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANKS!



This year's Vacation Bible School was another success. College Hill Community Church again partnered with Believer's Fellowship, and this made for a wonderful atmosphere of new friends and revived energy. The theme was "The Jesus Connection" and every evening included Bible study, music, dance, crafts, and a delicious meal. The CHCC Presbyterian Women served a meal on Tuesday evening, and the Presbyterian Men served on Thursday. While there are too many volunteers to name, we do thank Deacon Marcus Johnson for his organization of this year's VBS, and for his dedication to youth. Here are a few pictures for your

enjoyment!



Mark your calendar for these CHCC events!

June 2 - July 11 - Dayton Scholars, M-F, 8:30am - 3:00 pm

July 14-18 - Free Techie Camp - Programming, Schuster Center, Grades 5-7

July 21-25 - Free Techie Camp - App Development, Schuster Center, Grades 5-7

Speak with Jose' Jones concerning the Techie Camps

August 9 - CHCC Community Day 10am – 2pm

September 6 - CHCC Annual Flea Market 9am-4pm

October 4 - Professional Paper Shredding Event



July Hot Off the Press PW Greeting:

This June past has been an imitation of our life
With an abundance of sky water and heat creating discomfort and
strife.

But as a month is a simply human imitation of God's divine creation
The vagaries of its conditions are overshadowed by God's *constant*
Blessings-Manifestation!

The members of Presbyterian Women bring you monthly our greetings with hope that you
realize we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Darlene Brookshire, Kathy Lakes, Judy Mc Cray, Carlyn Miller, and Pat Townsel

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SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save your Forever Stamps and stamps with postage amount from letters received. The stamps should be cut 1/4" on each side.

Stamps may be given to Gladys Turner Finney

SAVE AND REUSE

We continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones, stamps, can tabs, plastic tops/ lids and pill bottles (labels removed). We are beginning to collect old blankets, and mattress covers (for sleeping bags), notepads/cards, 2025 calendars and egg cartons. Give items to Darlene Brookshire.



Presbyterian Women Appreciation - By Pat Townsel

As chairperson for CHCC Presbyterian Women, I extend my appreciation for the cooperation and sisterly spirit of our teamwork to prepare and serve the Tuesday evening meal for Vacation Bible School (VBS) the last full week of June.

Though all the women of our church are part of Presbyterian Women, over the years there has been a smaller circle, or at time circles, that share hands and heart work of the group. This year, that group grew even smaller due to various circumstances. But through God's grace, we were provided with an unexpected, younger and more energetic person who was a faster, more efficient addition to our work crew. Though the kitchen was hot and humid, our enthusiastic cooperative work and friendly companionship offered just the right unguent/balm to counter any physical discomforts. My heart is filled with thanks for the bonding service of Brenda Brown, Carlyn Miller, Olivia Zagal, and helpful members of Believer's Chirstian Fellowship.

July 2025 Worship Plans

Sunday, July 6: 4th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Sermon: "...like lambs into the midst of wolves" Communion, First Fruits Offering.

Sunday, July 13: 5th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Amos 7:7-17; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37. Sermon: So, Jesus, "(just) who is my neighbor?" "Social Justice & Peacemaking Moment for Mission; possible presentation on Dayton Scholars program.

Sunday, July 20: 6th Sunday after Pentecost; 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Amos 8:1-12; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42. Sermon: "...there is need of only one thing" "Youth Sunday; Time for Children in worship.

Sunday, July 27: 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Scriptural Texts: Hosea 1:2-10; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13. Sermon: "...continue to live your lives in him." Celebrate July Birthdays.

You are invited to the Adult Sunday School Sunday – 9:15 – 10:00am. To join in, click the link below. Speak with Elder Stan Hirtle for more details.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82868405334?pwd=6dk0CSrALrm8JYSvqM3hUD3CecWNfA.1>

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- All committee reports should be properly dated. (The date of the meeting).
- May Revenue received \$6,685.71. Expenses \$24,233.74. Expenses include the downpayment (\$9,437.50) for the Alarm System.
- Gene Saunders (AC) will continue to assist with updating our membership roster.
- Worship & Music (W&M) – Larry Hollar provided clarification on the limits of communion responsibilities for those that have received communion training. This training was only for Ruling Elders. They are trained and approved to preside at communion in the absence of a MWS at the church. They can only preside over their home church.
- Session has authorized the publication of the entire AC final report in the next Newsletter.
- New Books of Order (BOO) were distributed to Session members. Deacons and other Committee Chairs will receive a copy, as well.
- Corporate Name – Larry Hollar will suggest various formal and informal ways the church's official corporate name with the State of Ohio -- College Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A.) -- might be expressed in our documents, publications, and activities, for session review and approval.
- All Session minutes must comply with prescribed outlines/formats.
- The Session will develop Storage (Retention) Policies to be included in the policies and procedures manual for CHC.
- Additional communion dates - Christmas Eve/Christ the King.

Advise if there are any questions.

Respectfully,

Ivy Young, Clerk of Session

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BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays – 6:30 pm

All are welcome to join in!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83351711401?pwd=b1NTVzRpL09pZVpGcmdNV3REdDIRUTO>

Meeting ID: 833 5171 1401 Passcode: 974153

Worship and Music Committee Highlights from June 2025:

At last month's meeting on June 10, your Worship & Music Committee:

Requested session approval to have communion (in addition to first Sundays each month) on Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 23) and on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), if the decision is to have worship services on those dates for which communion is appropriate.

Continued worship planning for June, July, August, and reviewed recent worship services. Rev. Tinsley has provided worship outlines through August, for which we are grateful. W&M will be seeking more input from the congregation on responses to our worship services and music.

Discussed plans for July Moments for Mission by Social Justice & Peacemaking and by Interpretation & Stewardship ministry units.

Clarified with presbytery staff on what occasions Elders Ivy Young and Brenda Peters may serve communion at College Hill Community Church after taking recent presbytery training.

Reviewed the inventory of banners the church has for decorating the sanctuary at various seasons and suggested possible additional banners to fill out those seasons. Thanked the Lakes family for their generosity in providing banners.

Planned additional training for ushers in their duties, especially during this interim time when the church does not have a functional fire alarm system.

NOTICE:

Monthly meetings for Session have been changed to Tuesdays at 9:30am. The Session has advised that information that is to be reviewed by Session should be distributed by the 2nd Sunday preceding the Session Meeting. For example: Session meets on the 24th of June, reports/minutes are due by 15th June. I will be providing future meeting dates to assist you in the submission of your information, in a timely manner. Thanks.

Respectfully,

Ivy Young, Clerk of Session

Ministry Unit Meeting Schedule

All ministry units invite you to join in! Feel free to attend any meeting listed.

Building and Grounds	2 nd Wednesday, 2 PM, Rm 104
Christian Education	3 rd Sunday, immediately after service, Rm. 104
Deacon	2 nd Saturday, 11 AM Rm 104
Elam Public Relations	As needed
Interpretation & Stewardship	2 nd Monday, 2 PM Zoom
Older Kids	As needed
Social Justice & Peacemaking	2 nd Tuesday, 7-8 pm, zoom
Session	4 th Tuesday, 9:30 am Hybrid Zoom and In-person
Worship and Music	2 nd Tuesday, 5 PM Zoom

ELECTRONIC GIVING TO COLLEGE HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Those worshipping online are welcome to send your offering by mail directly to College Hill Church, [1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, OH 45406](#) or On-Line contributions are available as follows: Website: <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/chcc-dayton-oh/member/login>. Sign In/Up and follow the prompts. Be sure to designate your payment method, preferably a checking account. Questions, contact Mr. Ivy Young by leaving a message at (937)275-8084. Scripture reminds us that “every generous act of giving is itself a gift from God above.” So, we now offer ourselves with joy and hope.”



St. Margaret/CHCC Golf Tournament – July 21, 2025

The St. Margaret/College Hill Community Church golf outing is scheduled for 21 July 2025 at Meadowbrook at Clayton Golf Course. We are recruiting golfers and soliciting advertisers for our souvenir booklet. Please spread the word and check with friends and employers who might support this effort while advertising their business. **The deadline date is Monday, July 7.** See Lee Townsel (937-832-1293) or Nelson Stone (937-275-9914) for more details.



BAPTISM OF ARIEL PULLIAM-NJU

Our College Hill Community Church family experienced the joy of a youth baptism on Sunday, June 29, 2025. Rev. Charles Tinsley, IV, performed the baptism and friends, family, and church family joined in with parents Isaac and Bernetha in Fellowship Hall for cake and celebration. God's blessings to Ariel and her family!

COLLABORATIVE PICNIC A FUN SUCCESS!

Elder Larry Hollar reports that the Collaborative Congregations picnic held at Central Presbyterian in Moraine on Sunday, June 29, was well attended and was a "delightful event." College Hill Community Church members and members of other area Presbyterian churches were in attendance. There was good food, fun games, and the weather cooperated!





2025 CROP Hunger Walk on October 12

This year's CROP Hunger Walk will again be at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 5300 Philadelphia Dr. (at North Main St.), Dayton, on Sunday, October 12, beginning with registration at 1:00 pm and the grand send-off at 1:30 pm. You are welcome to consider being a walker or a supporter of our walkers. Larry Hollar is the coordinator of the College Hill Community Church Team, and he has already set up the online team page on the Dayton Walk website. Please click on <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/college-hill-community-presbyterian-church-dayton-oh> and either set up your web presence as a walker or securely donate funds online to the entire College Hill team or to a particular walker. You are also welcome to give a check or cash to any of our church's walkers to support the Walk. The funds you give support Church World Service (75%) and the Dayton Foodbank (25%). Last year's Dayton-Area Walk raised more funds than any other time in the last decade, and College Hill Community Church is always among the leading Dayton-area churches in raising funds for our Walk. So, let's keep up the great tradition of generosity for the CROP Hunger Walk! Please plan to take part again this year! Let Larry know how you want to participate.

Bach Society Plans Diverse 2025-2026 Season

Save these dates for the exciting Bach Society of Dayton upcoming season and watch for more information as the concert dates approach. See Larry Hollar for more details or see <https://bachsocietyofdayton.org/season>.

SONS OF ART - OCTOBER 12, 2025

SWEET SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS - DECEMBER 7, 2025

WAR & PEACE - MARCH 22, 2026

CANTA Y BAILA - MAY 17, 2026

Faithwalk Article - *Cooperation Through Communication* – by Elder Lee Townsel

Staying in touch with God in your thoughts, prayers and even quiet, but out loud talks is so important to our relationship with God. Common knowledge models for us the close connection between good communication and positive followership of what God is leading and expecting us to do.

Following that example, Session members wish to bring special congregational attention to a couple of items which follow.

As you may recall, The AOC has released its official role with us. However, **Rev. Kazy Hinds** remains as the Moderator for our Session meetings. We also have with us **Elder Michael Seewer**, a member of Presbytery of the Miami Valley Ohio Committee on Ministry, who will become our current liaison with the Presbytery. Elder Seewer is well-known and loved by us from our long association with him and his church, First Presbyterian of Fairborn. He also has served previously as our Session Moderator and liaison at different times in the past. We are thankful to both these friends for their faithful services and enjoy our continued close relationship with them.

Secondly, in our continued efforts to explore and crystalize new initiatives and service pathways for our church, we will be seeking congregational input in this effort. So put on your creative thinking caps and **listen** prayerfully in your talks with God, and others. We are planning to have a church gathering of some kind in early fall to discuss our various discernments as to where God is leading us.

SUMMER POEM – by Pat Townsel

June has been a veritable combination of April and August
“Showeryly”- stormy, hotly muggy, trickily attempting to uncomfortably muss us!

But through the grace of God we’ve survived and have come to July
Ready with attached fan water bottles, invented to keep us misted or coolly dry!
Whatever mixtures of events, weather, or feelings this month will bring,
May God’s inspiring spirit within be the music to which your life sings

Great Big Flea Market from our friends at Corinth Presbyterian Church – July 14-19, 10am-4pm, 4281 Corinth Blvd. 45410

Final Report of the Administrative Commission for College Hill Community Church - April 30, 2025

Introduction - The Administrative Commission (AC) was appointed by the moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley to address and resolve the discord that had developed within College Hill Community Church (PCUSA). The members of the AC comprised:

- MWS Lucinda Isaacs
- MWS Cynthia Holder Rich
- MWS Angie Schenck
- RE Gene Saunders
- RE Donna Courtney
- RE Bridget Hawkins

Purpose and Objectives

The AC was charged with several key responsibilities aimed at fostering unity and understanding within the congregation.

1. Conflict Resolution: To address and mediate the conflicts present in the congregation, facilitating open dialogue and reconciliation among members.
2. Education on Presbyterianism: To teach the congregations about the tenets of being presbyterian and expectations and responsibilities associated with membership at College Hill.
3. Establishment of a Nominating Committee: To form a committee responsible for identifying and nominating candidates for church leadership positions.
4. Election of Deacons and Elders: To oversee the election process for deacons and elders, ensuing a fair and transparent selection of leaders.
5. Training for Deacons and Elders: To conduct comprehensive training sessions for the newly elected deacons and elders to equip them for their roles and responsibilities.

Activities and Findings

Original Jurisdiction was claimed on May 30, 2023.

SCHISM was declared on January 30, 2024, at a called meeting of the presbytery.

Conflict Resolution: The AC held several meetings with various factions within the congregation to listen to concerns and grievances. Through facilitated discussions, the AC was able to identify the root causes of discord and work towards reconciliation.

1. **Education on Presbyterianism:** Workshops and informational sessions were conducted to educate members on the principles of Presbyterian governance, emphasizing the importance of active participation and collaboration in church life. Feedback indicated a greater understanding of the church's structure and responsibilities.

2. **Establishment of a Nominating Committee:** A nominating committee was successfully established, comprising a diverse group of congregation members. This committee has completed the work of identifying potential leaders within the church community.

3. **Election of Deacons and Elders:** The election process was organized and conducted in accordance with Presbyterian guidelines. The congregation actively participated, and the elected deacons and elders were announced during a special worship service.

4. **Training for Deacons and Elders:** Training sessions were held, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of deacons and elders. These sessions included discussions on leadership, spiritual care and church governance, ensuring that the newly elected leaders are well-prepared for their responsibilities.

Return of Jurisdiction: The AC voted to return jurisdiction to College Hill on February 3, 2025. Since that time, College Hill has successfully elected a clerk and assistant clerk of session. The Church has been conducting its own session meetings moderated by MWS Kazy Hinds demonstrating its ability to govern and lead effectively.

Liaison Communication

The AC recommends that the liaison assigned to College Hill should immediately initiate contact with the session of College Hill to ensure open communication continues between College Hill and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. This step is crucial in maintaining a supportive relationship and facilitating ongoing dialogue.

Conclusion

The Administrative Commission is pleased to report that significant progress has been made towards resolving the discord at College Hill Community Church. The congregation exudes the love of God and each other reflecting a strong and vibrant community.

In light of the achievements and positive direction of the church, the AC respectfully requests the dissolution of the commission. The groundwork has been laid for a healthy and united congregation moving forward.

Acknowledgments

The AC extends its gratitude to the members of College Hill Community Church for their willingness to engage in this process and to work towards a more unified and vibrant congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

MWS Lucinda Isaacs

MWS Cynthia Holder Rich

MWS Angie Schenck

RE Gene Saunders

RE Donna Courtney

RE Bridget Hawkins

ON MOTION: to dismiss the Administrative Commission for College Hill Community Church with gratitude

IMMIGRANT ACTION from the Miami Valley Immigration Coalition– shared by Deacon Melanie Monzon

Dear Friends,

On June 18, 2025, the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 172, which "would explicitly allow for the arrest of anyone in Ohio who is, or is suspected of being, unlawfully present in the United States" ([Dayton Daily News](#)). "Senate Bill 172 would allow ICE agents to arrest suspected undocumented immigrants in public spaces with or without a warrant and restrict local interference" ([WKYC](#)).

Now the bill goes to the Ohio House of Representatives, which will likely assign it to the Public Safety Committee. Please call on these Committee Members in the House of Representatives:

Phil Plummer, District 39, Public Safety Committee Member (614) 644-8051

Cecil Thomas, Ranking Member, Public Safety Committee (614) 466-1645

Cindy Abrams, Chair of the Public Safety Committee (614) 466-9091

Kevin Miller, Vice Chair of Public Safety Committee (614) 466-2500

You can find your specific representative [using this map](#).

Background on Senate Bill 172 (script below)

Oppose proposed Ohio SB 172, draconian make-Ohio-a-police state bill. SB 172 would require all public officials to allow all immigration-related arrests with or without a warrant, even if the person is only “suspected” of being undocumented. SB 172 throws due process out the window and opens the door to enormous racial and language profiling by allowing arrest if the person is only suspected of being undocumented!

For more actions, click on SB 172 at <https://ohiobills.wtf/> (same as “bill tracker” at OHagainstextremism.org Read more at <https://www.mahoningmatters.com/news/state/article307528566.html>

LAWMAKER CALL GUIDE (feel free to use or adapt)

NOTE: Voicemails delivered after hours create a record of calls based on a topic.

[If calling during office hours] Hey there, this is (NAME). I’m calling with concerns about Senate Bill 172 that I’m hoping to share with (ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME). Am I speaking with the right person?

(once they have something to write with, let them know what you think!)

Senate Bill 172 would allow law enforcement to arrest somebody without warrant if they suspect that the person might be here illegally. That means if someone calls ICE and says they think I am undocumented, that is enough for law enforcement to arrest me. To me, this undermines the 4th, 5th, and 6th amendments to the Constitution, which give us freedom from arrest without reason. I have serious concerns about the direction this would move our state.

My vote in the next Ohio House election will be shaped by how candidates vote on this Bill, and I urge you to vote no, and protect the Constitution.

[If you live in their district] – Also, the Representative should know that I am one of their voters and will be sharing my stance with neighbors in the district. **[provide zip code and call back number if you want]**

You can also take action on HB 1 and SB 88: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/say-no-to-hb1-sb88>

As more of our neighbors are being called into ICE meetings or otherwise detained there are increased requests for emergency resources for legal support and other

needs. These requests must happen quickly. Please donate, small one time or monthly amounts make a difference! The Accompaniment funds go to legal support and other needs as they come up, while the Bond Fund is for those who can be bonded out of detention to stay in the community while their immigration cases move forward. www.mvicdayton.org/donate